(e) Does not arise.

AIRPORT AT SHIRDI, MAHARASHTRA

1003. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct an airport at Shirdi in Maharashtra ;

(b) if so, the time by which the construction work is likely to be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

TRACTION FACTORY AT NASIK

1004. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to shift the railway traction factory from Nasik to some other place : and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) There is no Railway Traction Factory at Nasik. There is one Traction Motor Workshop at Nasik for repairs of Traction Motors. There is no proposal to shift the Workshop.

(b) Does not arise.

ADDITIONAL BOGIES IN PANCHVATI EXPRESS

1005. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of first class bogies in Panchvati Express ; and

(b) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

CONVERSION OF MIRAJ-LATUR AND CONSTRUCTION OF OSMANABAD-LATUR-PANDHARPUR LINE

1006. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is proposal for the conversion of Miraj-Latur via Pandharpur from narrow gauge to broad gauge and construction of new railway line for connecting Osmanabad to Latur and Pandharpur in Maharashtra :

(b) the reasons for not undertaking these works on priority ;

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has proposed to participate in the project cost ; and

(d) whether the Union Government have a proposal for the creation of an independent authority on the line of Konkan Railway Corporation for this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (d) Survey for conversion of Miraj-Latur NG line BG and its extension to Latur Road was carried out in 1975. Cost of 359 km length of new BG line was then assessed at Rs. 43.12 crores with a rate of return of 1.4%. As the survey had revealed inadequate traffic prospect the project was not taken up. In 1990, Government of Maharashtra recommended taking up this work and also connecting Osmanabad with this line.

The proposal was to set up a Corporation for taking up this project along with other project on the lines of Konkan Railway Corporation. While sanctioning Konkan Railway Project Ministry of Finance has laid down that no similar Corpora-

tion should be considered during the 8th Plan.

Owing to acute constraint of resources and the low rate of return of the project it would not be possible to take up the project for the present.

[*Translation*]

ELECTRIFICATION OF MUGHAL SARAI-DANAPUR LINE

1007. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme for the electrification of railway line between Mughalsarai to Danapur ;

(b) if so, the details thereof : and

(c) when it is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Electrification of Sitarampur-Jhajha-Danapur-Mughalsarai section of which Danapur-Mughalsarai section forms a part, is a sanctioned work. Electrification of Sitarampur-Jhajha section has now been cleared for execution. Further extension to Mughalsarai will depend on availability of resources and relative priority to be given to different sections.

INTRODUCTION OF TRAIN FOR DELHI VIA MHOW AND VARANASI

1008. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to introduce passenger train for New Delhi to Varanasi via Mhow , and

(b) if so, when ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Presently not feasible due to operational as well as resource constraints.

RAILWAY BRIDGE AT GHAZIPUR

1009. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is demand to construct a railway bridge over the Ganga river for connecting Tarighat and Ghat railway stations in Ghazipur ; and

(b) if so, the action being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A survey has been included in 1991-92 Budget. The project will be considered based on the results of the survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

VAYUDOOT SERVICE TO ANDHAU AIRPORT

1010. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated in the past to connect Andhau airport of Ghazipur district through Vayudoot service :

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the progress made in implementing that scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[*English*]

VAYUDOOT SERVICES TO KOTAH, RAJASTHAN

1011. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :